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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP (TSG)
ON COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

REF: (A) 76 USNATO 6981 (DTG 221628Z DEC 76); (B) DS/ASG(76)369,
18 NOV 76; (C) 76 USNATO 7045 (DTG 291630Z DEC 76)

SUMMARY: WE FORESEE THAT NADREPS WILL PERSIST IN DICUSSING
THE SUBJECT ISSUES (LISTED IN REF B) DESPITE OUR EFFORTS TO
AVOID THIS DISCUSSION. WE PROPOSE A COURSE WHICH, WE HOPE,
COULD MINIMIZE DETAILED DISCUSSION. ACTION REQUESTED:
WASHINGTON GUIDANCE PRIOR TO OOB, MONDAY, JAN 10, 1977.
END SUMMARY.

1. AS WE REPORTED IN REF A, THE US NADREP HAS SOUGHT TO
DELAY NADREP DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY
THE TSG, ADVANCING THE VIEW THAT THE TSG COULD BETTER DECIDE
THE ISSUES IT SHOULD DISCUSS. NEVERTHELESS, THE
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MAJORITY OF NADREPS NOTE THAT THE CNAD TASKED THEM TO
DETERMINE WHICH OF THE ISSUES PROPOSED BY THE NATO
INTERNATIONAL STAFF (REF B) THE TSG SHOULD CONSIDER
INITIALLY. CONSEQUENTLY, WE BELIEVE THAT NADREPS WILL
NOT AGREE TO DELAY DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE GENERAL APPROACH WE PROPOSED
(REF C) TO BRING PANEL VIII INTO THE TSG IS APPLICABLE
TO BRINGING IN THE OTHER GROUPS. SPECIFICALLY, THESE
OTHER GROUPS CAN FUNCTION INITIALLY UNDER THEIR PRESENT

TOR BUT SHOULD WORK ON TASKS ACCORDING TO PRIORITIES DEVELOPED BY THE NADREPS OR BY THE TSG AT ITS FIRST MEETING. AT ITS FIRST MEETING, THE TSG SHOULD REVIEW THE TOR AND WORK PROGRAMS OF THE NEWLY ACQUIRED GROUPS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF APPROVING REVISED TOR AND WORK PROGRAMS AT ITS SECOND MEETING. IT MAY BE THAT THE TSG WILL WISH TO CONSOLIDATE OR REORIENT SOME OF THE GROUPS IT HAS ACQUIRED. IF SO, WE BELIEVE THAT THE TSG SHOULD STRIVE TO APPROVE THIS REARRANGEMENT AT ITS SECOND MEETING. IN OUR VIEW, THIS COURSE OF ACTION WILL ALLOW THE TSG TO ASSURE FULL MANAGEMENT CONTROL WITH MINIMUM PERTURBATION OF PRODUCTIVE ENDEAVORS OF THE EXISTING GROUPS.

3. THE APPROACH WE PROPOSE COULD, WE HOPE, AVOID DETAILED NADREP DISCUSSION OF MOST OF THE INITIAL ISSUES (REF B), LIMITING THEIR CONCERN ONLY TO ASSIGNING INITIAL PRIORITIES TO THE WORK OF THE TSG SUBGROUPS. IN REF C, WE SUGGESTED PRIORITIES FOR TASKS OF THE TRANSFERRED PANEL VIII. WE BELIEVE THE ISSUES (TASKS) IDENTIFIED IN REF B FOR THE OTHERFUNCTIONAL AREAS SHOULD BE PUT IN PRIORITY SEQUENCE, BUT WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT WASHINGTON IS BETTER PREPARED THAN WE TO MAKE THIS ORDERING.

4. THE OTHER ALLIED NADREPS MAY PERSIST IN WANTING
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TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES TO TSG ORGANIZATION AND REVIEW OF BASIC REFERENCE DOCUMENTS (LISTED IN THE "GENERAL" CATEGORY IN REF B). WE BELIEVE THAT THE ISSUES RELATED TO ORGANIZATION, RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER NATO BODIES, AND METHOD OF WORK ARE RESOLVED IN THE TOR. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THEM BY NADREPS WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. WE BELIEVE, ALSO, THAT THE TSG SHOULD REVIEW THE BASIC REFERENCE DOCUMENTS FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF ITS TOR. THE TSG COULD PROPOSE CHANGES TO HARMONIZE THESE DOCUMENTS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE PRIOR TO
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